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# C A T E G O R I C A L   E X C L U S I O N   F O R M

## ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS

While this form represents the most common level of environmental documentation required for Enhancement projects, the environmental impacts may be greater than those typically associated with this level of analysis. *Always have a qualified professional* determine the scope of environmental impacts and complete the environmental documentation.

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### General Information

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**Project Name:**

**TIP Number (E-XXXX):**

**Federal Aid Number:**

**Project Sponsor:**

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### Project Contact

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**Name:**

**Telephone:**

**E-mail:**

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### Project Description

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**(Include project scope and location with map)**

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### Purpose And Need

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### Proposed Improvements

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**(Provide details attach exhibits as necessary)**

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### Special Information

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**(Include environmental commitments permits)**

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**Note:** This document will be reviewed by the *NCDOT* and by *FHWA*  
incorrect or incomplete information could delay or disqualify a project

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### **Threshold Criteria**

Instructions: Please answer each question. If a correct response falls within an **enlarged box** then supporting documentation of the impact **must** be included.

No.	ECOLOGICAL	YES	NO
1	Will the project have a substantial impact on any unique or important natural resource?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Does the project involve habitat where federally listed endangered or threatened species may occur?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Will the project affect anadromous fish?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	If the project involves wetlands, is the amount of permanent and/or temporary wetland taking less than one-third (1/3) of an acre and have all practicable measures to avoid and minimize wetland takings been evaluated? If no wetlands are involved, write "N/A" ☞ (      )	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Will the project require the use of U. S. Forest Service lands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Will the quality of adjacent water resources be adversely Impacted by proposed construction activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Does the project involve waters classified as Outstanding Water Resources and/or High Quality Waters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Will the project require fill in waters of the United States in any of the designated mountain trout counties?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Does the project involve any known underground storage tanks (UST's) or hazardous materials sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>PERMITS and COORDINATION</b>		
10	If the project is located within a CAMA county, will the Project significantly affect the coastal zone and/or any "Area of Environmental Concern" (AEC)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Does the project involve Coastal Barrier Resources Act Resources?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Will a U. S. Coast Guard permit be required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Will the project result in the modification of any existing regulatory floodway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Will the project require any stream relocations or channel changes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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No.	<b>SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES</b>	YES	NO
15	Will the project induce substantial impacts to planned growth or land use for the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Will the project require the relocation of any family or business?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Will the project have a disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effect on any minority or low-income population?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	If the project involves the acquisition of Right-of-Way, is the amount of Right-of-Way acquisition considered minor?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Will the project involve any changes in access control?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Will the project substantially alter the usefulness and/or land use of adjacent property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Will the project have an adverse effect on permanent local traffic patterns or community cohesiveness?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Is the project included in an approved thoroughfare plan and/or Transportation Improvement Program (and is therefore, in conformance with the Clean Air Act of 1990)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Is the project anticipated to cause an increase in traffic volumes?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Will traffic be maintained during construction using existing roads, staged construction, or on-site detours?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	If the project is a bridge replacement project, will the bridge be replaced at its existing location (along the existing facility) and will all construction proposed in association with the bridge replacement project be contained on the existing facility?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Is there substantial controversy on social, economic, or environmental grounds concerning the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Is the project consistent with all Federal, State, and local laws relating to the environmental aspects of the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Will the project have an "effect" on structures/properties eligible for or listed on the National Register of Historic Places?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Will the project affect any archaeological remains that are important to history or pre-history?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30	Will the project require the use of Section 4(f) resources (public parks, recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl Refuges, historic sites, or historic bridges, as defined in Section 4(f) of the U. S. DOT Act of 1966)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
31	Will the project result in any conversion of assisted public recreation sites or facilities to non-recreation uses, as defined by Section 6(f) of the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965, as amended?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
32	Will the project involve construction in, across, or adjacent to a river designated as a component of or proposed For inclusion in the Natural System of Wild and Scenic Rivers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Additional Documentation required for unfavorable Responses:**

- “Checked” **ENLARGED** boxes indicate **UNFAVORABLE** responses.
- “Checked” **smaller** boxes indicate **favorable** responses.

**Categorical Exclusion Approval**

(Note: Qualified Professional may be required to complete)

**Prepared by:**

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Name (print or type)

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Title

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Signature

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Date

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**Reviewed by:**

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Date

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Reviewer's Signature  
Project Development & Environmental Analysis Branch  
North Carolina Department of Transportation

**Approved by:**

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Date

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Division Administrator's Signature  
Federal Highway Administration

Consultants should submit this completed form to the municipality or organization that engaged their service.  
The Municipality or organization should submit to their assigned Transportation Program Consultant.  
Please submit completed form within **90 days** of the holding of your scoping meeting.